

OVERSIGHT—HIGH ENERGY COSTS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing entitled “The Impacts of High Energy Costs to the American Consumer.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 50, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Ehlers; VADM Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN (Ret.), Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE DRILLING—BENEFITS SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing on the benefits small businesses will receive if drilling is allowed in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Testimony was heard from Representative King of Iowa; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—TRANSITION FROM ACTIVE DUTY TO VETERANS’ STATUS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held an oversight hearing regarding the Department of Veterans Affairs’ and the Department of Defense’s efforts to assist military personnel in making a “seamless transition” from active duty to veterans’ status. Testimony was heard from Cynthia A. Bascetta, Director, Health Care—Veterans’ Health and Benefits Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Brenda Faas, Social Worker, Veterans Health Administration; Linda Petty, Benefits Counselor,

Veterans Benefits Administration; and John Brown, Director, Office of Seamless Transition; the following officials of the Department of Defense: MAJ Ladda Tammy Duckworth, USA, Patient, Walter Reed Army Medical Center; COL Gwendolyn Fryer, USA, Southern Regional Medical Command Military Liaison to James E. Haley Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Tampa, Florida; and COL Timothy Frank, USMC, Liaison Officer to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and a representative of a veterans organization.

AGING SOCIETY—RETIREMENT POLICY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the Retirement Policy Challenges and Opportunities of our Aging Society. Testimony was heard from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO; Hal Daub, Chairman, Social Security Advisory Board; and public witnesses.

PATRIOT ACT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Concluded hearings on the PATRIOT Act, Part II. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MAY 20, 2005**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled “Declaration of Education: Toward a Culture of Achievement in D.C. Public School,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.